The Cleveland Museum of Art

Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through Words and Images Monday, January 16, 2017

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The Cleveland Museum of Art honors the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his powerful call for society to participate in service

Cleveland, OH (January 12, 2017) On Monday, January 16, the Cleveland Museum of Art will open its doors for a free daylong celebration honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Explore how the moving passages of Dr. King's writings and speeches shed light on the museum's collection and

create a work of art inspired by his words. The museum and its galleries will be open from 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., with art activities from 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Poster Printing Ames Family Atrium

Try out monoprinting with Zygote Press and CMA teaching artists, featuring two different posters created especially for the day with excerpts from Dr. King's "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech. Add your portrait to the poster. Take it home or contribute to a collaborative display in the atrium.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Gallery Guide Ames Family Atrium, Information Desk

Dr. King's "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech begins with a description of several great historical eras leading up to the civil rights movement of the 20th century. Use Dr. King's words as a way to explore the museum's collection in this self-guided tour.

Film: King: A Filmed Record . . . *Montgomery to Memphis* Parker-Hannifin Donor Gallery

Explore the life of Dr. King through this renowned 1970 documentary that uses newsreel and other film footage to trace the period from the Montgomery bus boycott of 1955–56 through King's assassination in 1968. The film will run continuously throughout the day.

Musical Selections Ames Family Atrium

Enjoy an inspired playlist created by Arnold Hines, Cleveland Museum of Art community partner.

For more information about Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through Words and Images and the museum's exhibitions and programs, visit ClevelandArt.org.

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

***Basquiat: The Unknown Notebooks* Opening Day Celebration** [1]
Sunday, January 22, 10:00–5:00
Ames Family Atrium

Come back to the museum on Sunday, January 22, and be the first to see ***Basquiat: The Unknown Notebooks*** for FREE. The museum will offer art activities, refreshments and a special pop-up exhibition in the Ames Family Atrium with artwork created by students in Kent State University's Leading for Social Justice course.

Free admission to *Basquiat: The Unknown Notebooks* 10:00–5:00
Leading for Social Justice pop-up exhibition 10:00–5:00
Art activities 11:00–4:00
Refreshments 2:00–4:00

About *Basquiat: The Unknown Notebooks* [2]
January 22–April 23

The Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Foundation Exhibition Gallery

Brooklyn-born artist Jean-Michel Basquiat filled notebooks with poetry, wordplay, sketches and personal observations ranging from street life and popular culture to themes of race, class and world history. ***Basquiat: The Unknown Notebooks*** is the first major exhibition featuring eight of these notebooks with more than 140 pages of rarely seen documents, along with 50 related works on paper and large-scale paintings. *Basquiat: The Unknown Notebooks* is organized by the Brooklyn Museum, and on view in the Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Foundation Exhibition Gallery at the Cleveland Museum of Art. As the final venue, Cleveland offers the last opportunity to view *Basquiat: The Unknown Notebooks*.

About the Leading for Social Justice pop-up exhibition
For the past five years, students in the Kent State Educational Administration program's Leading for Social Justice course have partnered with local artists to create works of art exploring issues they face in their teaching practice. The inequities addressed by past students include race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status and sexual orientation. This year, students used the notebooks of Jean-Michel Basquiat as inspiration for their own artmaking; these works will be on view in the atrium during the opening weekend of *Basquiat: The Unknown Notebooks*, January 20–22.

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About the Cleveland Museum of Art

The Cleveland Museum of Art is renowned for the quality and breadth of its collection, which includes more than 63,000 artworks and spans 6,000 years of achievement in the arts. The museum is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship and performing arts and is a leader in digital innovations. One of the top comprehensive art museums in the nation, recognized for its award-winning Open Access program and free of charge to all, the Cleveland Museum of Art is located in the University Circle neighborhood.

The museum is supported in part by residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture and made possible in part by the Ohio Arts Council (OAC), which receives support from the State of Ohio and the National Endowment for the Arts. The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally and economically. For more information about the museum and its holdings, programs and events, call 888-CMA-0033 or visit cma.org [3].

Press Announcements [4]

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